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25X1 1. According to an order of the Department of Industry of SMA Karlshorst, repara-  
25X1 tions orders are no longer to be carried as credit orders, which had been done  
for some time past, but are to be designated as ordinary orders. (The term  
credit orders had been introduced because none of the firms working on repara-  
tions orders had ever been paid for their deliveries, but had received payments  
in form of credits by the Stadtbank in Berlin and the Landerbanken in the vari-  
ous states and provinces of the zone.) The prices for these orders are calcu-  
lated by the manufacturers and then checked by the German Price Office in the  
Kriminalgericht, Berlin-Moabit; thus far they have been accepted by SMA with-  
out question.

2. Group supervisory firms have been set up, each of which takes care of placing  
orders for items in one certain field. In the chemical field, for example,  
the supervisory firm Gustav Christ & Co. Apparatebau-Anstalt, Berlin, Weissen-  
see, has the following orders to place for production by December 1947:

12,000 tons of drying apparatus for the chemical and food industries.  
(Order from Commissariat for Food.) This apparatus is for production  
of dried milk and yeast.

800 tons of chemical apparatus for production of hormones.

1,500 tons of chemical apparatus for production of gases and acids  
(suitable for war materials and explosives).

900 tons of sulphate lixiviation plants for the cellulose industry.  
The entire order is being produced by Mafa, Sangerhausen (Maschinen-  
fabrik Sangerhausen A.G.).

600 tons of pumps of all sorts for the chemical industry.

150 tons of pharmaceutical apparatus.

All of these orders are booked as ordinary orders. Firms which have little  
capital get credits.

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3. [redacted] these long range orders are meant to fill gaps in the Russian Five Year Plan. Plants which receive such orders are supplied with all necessary raw materials with the result that many firms do not have room to store all the materials. It is claimed that nearly all firms in the Soviet Sector of Berlin and in the Soviet Zone are either working on Russian orders directly, or else are supplying other firms working on Russian orders. Manufacturers are able to get raw materials only if they can prove they have Russian orders.

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